THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The question whether such an advertisement attracts the provisions of law falls within the purview of the State Government and as per information received from them the matter is under their legal scrutiny.

Anti-Minority statements by Gujarat Chief Minister

1589. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had taken the issue seriously of anti-minority statements made by Gujarat Chief Minister during his Gaurav Yatra and denied to provide these tapes to the National Commission for Minorities;

(b) if so, whether Government had instructed the State Government to provide these tapes to the NCM;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reaction of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) National Commission for Minorities had requested the Government of Gujarat to send the full text of speeches allegedly made against the minority community. However, as per information received from the Government of Gujarat, the reply has not yet been sent by them.

(b) to (d) The Commission had not sought the intervention of Government of India and therefore, there was no occasion for the Union Government to issue any instruction.

Ban on VHP and Bajrang Dal

†1590. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what action Government have taken for imposing a ban on unbecoming conduct and speeches made by the leaders of Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government have taken any stringent action in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and as such maintenance of peace and order is the primary responsibility of the State Governments. There are provisions in the Indian Penal Code and various other Acts for taking action against any organization whose activities are pre-judicial to the security of the country and have the potential of disturbing peace had communal harmony.

The activities of all organizations having a bearing on maintenance of communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken, including imposition of ban, wherever necessary.

Action against guilty officials

1591. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court has ordered trial of some U.P. police officials for implicating a senior judicial officer in a false corruption case;

(b) if so,the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to ensure that action is taken against the individuals who made friviolous, baseless allegations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Constitution Bench in its order dated 14.8.2002 in W.P. (Crl) No. 404 of 1993 has directed the prosecution to proceed with the criminal case and also directed the disciplinary authority to initiate/take appropriate disciplinary action against the errant police officer.

(c) Disciplinary action in the matter is to be taken by the Government of Uttar Pradesh. Necessary instructions have been given by this Ministry